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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the April 19, 2001, written restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-6) with traverse. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the ground that all groups of invention identified in the outstanding office action are closely related and, therefore, would require common areas of search and consideration. No benefit is derived from maintaining the restriction requirement and, therefore, this restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the claims of Groups I-IV should be examined on the merits at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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